

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 644 - HB 1166

March 4, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Children's services (DCS) to provide a child in foster care with contact information for each sibling who is not in the same home as the child if maintaining contact with the sibling is in the best interest of the child. Prohibits DCS from restricting a foster child from contact with the child's sibling as a form of punishment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$140,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by DCS, the proposed legislation would require the Department to maintain contact information records on an estimated additional 3,500 non-custodial siblings.
- DCS would need to contract with a third party to collect and continually update this information.
- Based on a recent contract DCS retained for similar work, the estimated cost to find and maintain contact information for 3,500 non-custodial siblings is \$40 per sibling.
- Therefore, the recurring increase to state expenditures to DCS is estimated to be \$140,000 (3,500 siblings x \$40) in FY21-22 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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